

Interview Summary

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10/046,275

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Claim(s) discussed: all

Identification of prior art discussed: Bedrosian, Zagar et al

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Proposed amdt to claim 1 appears to overcome rejection. Ex'r must consider issue of obviousness of placing separate components in container. Adding limitation that well is exterior of the drum to claims 20 & 33 would, similarly, overcome existing rejection. Even adding exterior feature to claim 48 would not change applicability of existing rejection (except must consider obv of removability feature).

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for separately storing an electric cable of predetermined length and at least one electric cable component separated from the electric cable, the device comprising:

(a) a reel having a drum around which the electric cable can be wound and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum, the drum and flanges defining a well exterior to the drum; and

(b) at least one container disposed within the well and removably secured to the reel, the container defining a cavity for receiving the electric cable component.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1 further comprising a lagging coupled to the reel to enclose at least a portion of the well.

3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the container is secured to one of the flanges.

4. (Original) The device of claim 3 wherein the container is secured to the one flange by at least one fastening element.

5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the container includes a bottom surface in contact with the drum.

6. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the drum, the container and one of the flanges define a cable storage well for receiving the cable.

7. (Original) The device of claim 6 wherein the container is secured to the other flange.

8. (Original) The device of claim 7 wherein the container includes a bottom surface in contact with the drum.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1 further including a wrap for wrapping around the container.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 1~~ A device for storing an electric cable of predetermined length and at least one electric cable component, the device comprising:

(a) a reel having a drum around which the electric cable can be wound and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum; the drum and flanges defining a well exterior to the drum; and

(b) at least one container disposed within the well and secured to the reel, the container defining a cavity for receiving the electric cable component, and

wherein the container includes at least one flap movable to a closed position for enclosing the cavity of the container.

11. (Original) The device of claim 10 further comprising a wrap for maintaining the flap in the closed position.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 1~~ A device for storing an electric cable of predetermined length and at least one electric cable component, the device comprising:

(a) a reel having a drum around which the electric cable can be wound and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum, the drum and flanges defining a well exterior to the drum; and

(b) at least one container disposed within the well and secured to the reel, the container defining a cavity for receiving the electric cable component, and

wherein the container includes a pair of flaps movable to closed positions for enclosing the cavity of the container.

13. (Original) The device of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of containers, and wherein the drum, the containers and one of the flanges define a cable storage well for receiving the cable.

14. (Original) The device of claim 13 wherein the containers are secured to the other flange.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 14~~ A device for storing an electric cable of predetermined length and at least one electric cable component, the device comprising:

(a) a reel having a drum around which the electric cable can be wound and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum, the drum and flanges defining a well exterior to the drum; and

(b) at least one container disposed within the well and secured to the reel, the container defining a cavity for receiving the electric cable component, and

further comprising a plurality of containers, and wherein the drum, the containers and one of the flanges define a cable storage well for receiving the cable, the containers are secured to the other flange and

wherein each container has a length extending from the other flange toward the one flange, the lengths of the containers being approximately the same.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 13~~ A device for storing an electric cable of predetermined length and at least one electric cable component, the device comprising:

(a) a reel having a drum around which the electric cable can be wound and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum, the drum and flanges defining a well exterior to the drum; and

(b) at least one container disposed within the well and secured to the reel, the container defining a cavity for receiving the electric cable component, and

further comprising a plurality of containers, and wherein the drum, the containers and one of the flanges define a cable storage well for receiving the cable and wherein each of the containers includes a bottom surface in contact with the drum.

17. (Original) The device of claim 13 further including a wrap for wrapping around the drum and containers.

18. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the container is assembled from a panel assembly.

19. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the container is constructed of high density polyethylene.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for separately storing an electric cable of predetermined length and at least one electric cable component separated from the electric cable, the method comprising:

(a) winding the electric cable around a drum of a reel ~~defined by the reel~~ and outside of a cavity defined by a container secured to the reel and disposed within the well; and

(b) placing the electric cable component within ~~the cavity defined by a container secured to the reel and disposed within the well.~~

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 further including coupling a lagging to the reel to enclose at least a portion of the well.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the reel includes a pair of flanges disposed about the drum and wherein during the winding of the electric cable the electric cable is wound around the drum within a cable storage well defined by one of the flanges, the container and the drum.

23. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein there are a plurality of containers and a plurality of electric cable components placed within the cavities of the containers.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the reel includes a pair of flanges disposed about the drum and wherein during the winding of the electric cable the electric cable is wound around the drum within a cable storage well defined by one of the flanges, the containers and the drum.

25. (Original) The method of claim 20 further including enclosing the cavity after the placing of the electric cable component within the cavity.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 25~~ A method for storing an electric cable of predetermined length and at least one electric cable component, the method comprising:

(a) winding the electric cable around a drum of a reel and within a well defined by the reel; and

(b) placing the electric cable component within a cavity defined by a container secured to the reel and disposed within the well, including enclosing the cavity after the placing of the electric cable component within the cavity and

wherein the enclosing of the cavity includes moving a flap of the container to a closed position.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26 further including wrapping the container with a wrap to maintain the flap in the closed position.

28. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein there are a plurality of electric cable components and a plurality of containers and further including wrapping the containers with a wrap after the placing of the electric cable components within the cavities.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein during the wrapping of the containers the wrap is also wound around the drum.

30. (Original) The method of claim 20 further including assembling the container from a panel assembly prior to the placing of the electric cable component within the cavity.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 30~~ A method for storing an electric cable of predetermined length and at least one electric cable component, the method comprising:

(a) winding the electric cable around a drum of a reel and within a well defined by the reel,

(b) placing the electric cable component within a cavity defined by a container secured to the reel and disposed within the well

(c) assembling the container from a panel assembly prior to the placing of the electric cable component within the cavity, and

wherein the panel assembly comprises four bottom flaps and a pair of top flaps and further including enclosing the cavity after the placing of the electric cable components within the cavity by moving the pair of top flaps to closed positions.

32. (Original) The method of claim 20 further including coupling a lagging to the reel to enclose substantially the entire well.

33. (Currently Amended) A kit comprising:

(a) a reel having a drum and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum defining a well;

(b) a container disposed within the well and secured to the reel, the container defining a cavity;

(c) an electric cable of predetermined length wound around the drum and disposed within the well and so as to not extend into the cavity; and

(d) at least one electric cable component stored within the cavity separate from the electric cable.

34. (Original) The kit of claim 33 further including a lagging coupled to the reel substantially enclosing the well.

35. (Original) The kit of claim 33 wherein the drum, the container and one of the flanges define a cable storage well, the electric cable being disposed within the cable storage well.

36. (Original) The kit of claim 35 wherein the container is secured to the other flange.

37. (Original) The kit of claim 33 wherein the container includes a bottom surface contacting the drum.

38. (Original) The kit of claim 33 wherein the container is secured to one of the flanges.

39. (Currently Amended) ~~The kit of claim 33~~ A kit comprising:

(a) a reel having a drum and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum defining a well;

(b) a container disposed within the well and secured to the reel, the container defining a cavity;

(c) an electric cable of predetermined length wound around the drum and disposed within the well; and

(d) at least one electric cable component stored within the cavity, and
wherein the container includes at least one flap in a closed position enclosing the cavity of the container.

40. (Original) The kit of claim 39 further comprising a wrap maintaining the flap in the closed position.

41. (Original) The kit of claim 33 further including a wrap wrapped around the container and the drum.

42. (Original) The kit of claim 33 further comprising a plurality of containers, and wherein the drum, the containers and one of the flanges define a cable storage well receiving the cable.

43. (Original) The kit of claim 42 wherein the containers are secured to the other flange.

44. (Currently Amended) ~~The kit of claim 43~~ A kit comprising:

(a) a reel having a drum and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum defining a well;

(b) a container disposed within the well and secured to the reel, the container defining a cavity;

(c) an electric cable of predetermined length wound around the drum and disposed within the well; and

(d) at least one electric cable component stored within the cavity,
further comprising a plurality of containers, and wherein the drum, the containers and one of the flanges define a cable storage well receiving the cable and wherein the containers are secured to the other flange, and

wherein each container has a length extending from the other flange toward the one flange, the lengths of the containers being approximately the same.

45. (Currently Amended) ~~The kit of claim 42~~ A kit comprising:

(a) a reel having a drum and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum defining a well;

(b) a container disposed within the well and secured to the reel, the container defining a cavity;

(c) an electric cable of predetermined length wound around the drum and disposed within the well; and

(d) at least one electric cable component stored within the cavity, further comprising a plurality of containers, and wherein the drum, the containers and one of the flanges define a cable storage well receiving the cable, and wherein each of the containers includes a bottom surface in contact with the drum.

46. (Original) The kit of claim 42 further including a wrap for wrapping around the drum and containers.

47. (Original) The kit of claim 33 wherein the container is assembled from a panel assembly.

48. (Currently Amended) A device for storing an electric cable of predetermined length and at least one electric cable component, the device comprising: ~~separate component~~

(a) a reel having a drum around which the electric cable can be wound and a pair of flanges disposed about the drum, the drum and flanges defining a well ~~extending~~

(b) a lagging coupled to the reel to enclose at least a portion of the well; and

(c) at least one container disposed within the well and removably secured to the lagging reel, the container defining a cavity for receiving the electric cable component.

49. (Original) The device of claim 48 wherein the drum, the container and one of the flanges define a cable storage well for receiving the cable.

50. (Original) The device of claim 48 further comprising a plurality of containers, and wherein the drum, the containers and one of the flanges define a cable storage well for receiving the cable.

51-56. (Canceled)

57. (New) The device of claim 1 further including a hook and loop fastener removably securing the container to the reel.

58. (New) The device of claim 48 further including a hook and loop fastener removably securing the container to the reel.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [024] with the following amended paragraph:

[024] By way of further example, FIGURES 6 and 7 illustrate an alternative embodiment including an elongated container structure 200 comprising a series of connected containers 24A. The illustrated container structure 200 is flexible and adapted to be wrapped around the drum 30A of the reel 20A and have its opposed ends secured together by ties 204, staples, ~~Velcro™~~ a hook and loop fastener or any other suitable means to secure it to the drum. The illustrated container structure 200 may be fabricated, for example, from a sheet plastic with heat sealed joints 206. Access to electric cable components within the cavities of the individual containers 24A may be gained through one or more openings 208 defined by the container. The openings 208 may, for example, be sheet material overlaps or slits closed with slide locks, ~~Velcro™~~ a hook and loop fastener, snap tabs or any other suitable closure. The container structure 200 and the individual containers 24A may be constructed, formed or assembled in any other suitable manner in accordance with other embodiments.

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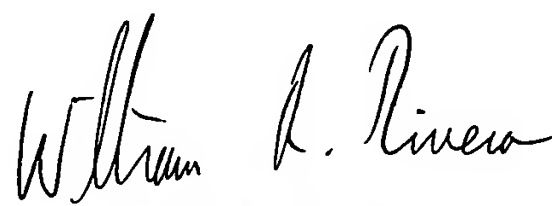
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Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the differences between the instant invention and the prior art. Specifically that Walters does not have flanges thereby not defining a "well" between the drum and the flanges. Such language would appear to overcome the prior art. Applicant's representative to submit remarks to be considered at a later date. Further discussed Claims 51-56 and no agreement was reached.

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